

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A kenaf fiber-reinforced resin composition, characterized in that the composition is a biodegradable resin composition containing a kenaf fiber and contains the kenaf fiber in an amount of 10 to 50% by mass based on the mass of the fiber-reinforced resin composition, wherein a moisture content of the kenaf fiber is not more than 4% by mass based on the mass of the kenaf fiber.

2. (Currently Amended) The kenaf fiber-reinforced resin composition according to claim 1, characterized in that the content of the kenaf fiber is 15 to 40% by mass based on the mass of the fiber-reinforced resin composition.

3. (Previously Presented) The kenaf fiber-reinforced resin composition according to claim 1, characterized in that the biodegradable resin is a crystalline thermoplastic resin.

4. (Previously Presented) The kenaf fiber-reinforced resin composition according to claim 1, characterized in that the biodegradable resin is polylactic acid.

5. (Previously Presented) The kenaf fiber-reinforced resin composition according to claim 1, characterized in that the kenaf fiber has an average fiber length (number average fiber length of the fibers excluding fragments) of 100  $\mu\text{m}$  to 20 mm.

6. (Original) The kenaf fiber-reinforced resin composition according to claim 5, characterized in that the kenaf fiber contains a kenaf fiber having a fiber length of 300  $\mu\text{m}$  to 20 mm.

7. (Previously Presented) The kenaf fiber-reinforced resin composition according to claim 1, characterized in that the kenaf fiber is prepared from bast of kenaf.

8. (Previously Presented) The kenaf fiber-reinforced resin composition according to claim 2, characterized in that the biodegradable resin is a crystalline thermoplastic resin.

9. (Previously Presented) The kenaf fiber-reinforced resin composition according to claim 2, characterized in that the biodegradable resin is polylactic acid.

10. (Previously Presented) The kenaf fiber-reinforced resin composition according to claim 3, characterized in that the biodegradable resin is polylactic acid.

11. (Previously Presented) The kenaf fiber-reinforced resin composition according to claim 2, characterized in that the kenaf fiber has an average fiber length (number average fiber length of the fibers excluding fragments) of 100  $\mu$ m to 20 mm.

12. (Previously Presented) The kenaf fiber-reinforced resin composition according to claim 3, characterized in that the kenaf fiber has an average fiber length (number average fiber length of the fibers excluding fragments) of 100  $\mu$ m to 20 mm.

13. (Previously Presented) The kenaf fiber-reinforced resin composition according to claim 4, characterized in that the kenaf fiber has an average fiber length (number average fiber length of the fibers excluding fragments) of 100  $\mu$ m to 20 mm.

14. (Previously Presented) The kenaf fiber-reinforced resin composition according to claim 2, characterized in that the kenaf fiber is prepared from bast of kenaf.

15. (Previously Presented) The kenaf fiber-reinforced resin composition according to claim 3, characterized in that the kenaf fiber is prepared from bast of kenaf.

16. (Previously Presented) The kenaf fiber-reinforced resin composition according to claim 4, characterized in that the kenaf fiber is prepared from bast of kenaf.

17. (Previously Presented) The kenaf fiber-reinforced resin composition according to claim 5, characterized in that the kenaf fiber is prepared from bast of kenaf.

18. (Previously Presented) The kenaf fiber-reinforced resin composition according to claim 6, characterized in that the kenaf fiber is prepared from bast of kenaf.